

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bivouac. We are grateful for their half-century as a vital member of our downtown Ann Arbor community and wish them continued success in the adventure ahead.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO LEGAL
CLINICS—MARKING 50 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. SARA JACOBS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the University of San Diego School of Law's free legal clinics.

Over the past half-century, the University of San Diego (USD) School of Law's free legal clinics have offered assistance to underserved members of society while providing opportunities for law students to learn first-hand from highly skilled attorneys and interact directly with actual clients. These pro bono services to the San Diego community have provided direct client legal services to thousands of San Diego residents in need.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have developed a model program in the experiential training of law students in the practical application of their legal knowledge. This program has emphasized the principled practice of law, instilling in students the importance of just, ethical, and exemplary legal practice.

In recent years, USD School of Law's free legal clinics have expanded to distinct direct client services clinics.

The Appellate Clinic provides students the opportunity to litigate an appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This is a year-long clinic in which teams of students will handle appeals from start to finish.

The Civil Clinic assists in supplemental Social Security Income and Social Security disability, uninsured motorist defense and consumer issues.

Education and Disability Clinic represents clients at meetings with school district personnel and Regional Center Staff. Matters include school discipline (suspensions and expulsions), special education placement and services, Regional Center and Early Start services, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

The Entrepreneurship Clinic provides comprehensive legal assistance to individuals who wish to start or expand a small business or not-for-profit organization, as well as for trademark and copyright issues.

Federal Income Tax Clinic represents taxpayers who have disputes with the Internal Revenue Service in matters such as collection actions or audits, earned income tax credits and offers in compromise.

The Immigration Clinic offers assistance for immigration-related problems such as asylum, immigrating family members, naturalization and deportation.

California State Income Tax Clinic represents low-income taxpayers who have disputes with the Franchise Tax Board in matters of state tax appeals.

California State Sales and Use Tax Clinic is a joint effort between USD Legal Clinics and

the California State Board of Equalization. Under the supervision of an attorney from the California State Board of Equalization's Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office, students will represent clients with Sales and Use Tax appeals before the Board of Equalization.

Veterans Clinic provides free legal assistance to veterans in disputes with for-profit institutions over the use of GI Bill funds and predatory lending associated with education loans. Legal services range from advice to identification of potential claims to representation of student veterans in litigation, arbitration and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Women's Legal Clinic will meet the legal needs of women, men, and families who are the victims of human trafficking and others by helping with domestic violence restraining orders, child custody and guardianship matters, and dissolution cases.

Workers' Rights Clinic assists lower-income workers with a variety of employment law issues including employee rights, discrimination, medical leave, workplace safety, unpaid wages, unemployment benefits, harassment and wrongful termination.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have provided tens of millions of dollars of free legal services to low income and underserved residents in San Diego County.

USD School of Law's free legal clinics have trained many of San Diego's finest attorneys, who themselves have added to the reputation of the San Diego legal community.

Madam Speaker, for 50 years USD School of Law's legal clinics have made a tremendous difference in the lives of San Diego residents. The next 50 years promise to see outstanding benefits by continuing this fine tradition.

HONORING STEVEN SPURRIER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steven Spurrier for his monumental contributions to the California wine community.

Born on October 5, 1941 in Cambridge, England, Mr. Spurrier was raised by his loving parents, John and Pamela Spurrier. After receiving his secondary education at Rugby School, Mr. Spurrier went on to attend the London School of Economics. He entered the wine industry soon after he completed his education in 1964, becoming a trainee with the oldest wine merchant in London: Christopher & Co. After concluding his tenure with Christopher & Co., Mr. Spurrier moved to Paris in 1970 where he bought and operated a wine shop, Les Caves la Madeleine, the following year. Mr. Spurrier's shop quickly became one of the most renowned in the city. He then utilized his successes as proprietor to establish L'Academie du Vin in 1973, France's first private wine school that formed the steppingstones for modern wine education.

More notably, Mr. Spurrier organized a blind wine tasting competition, judged by French wine experts, between Californian and French wines with his colleague Patricia Gallagher. In what came to be known as "the Judgment of

Paris," wines from California won, paving the way for the global prominence of Napa Valley wine.

During his illustrious career in the wine industry, Steven received multiple international awards for his writing on wine. In 2001, he was awarded Le Grand Prix de l'Academie Internationale du Vin and the Maestro Award in memory of Andre Tchelistcheff, America's most influential post-Prohibition winemaker. His successes did not stop there, as he won Decanter Magazine's man of the year in 2017 for his devotion to wine appreciation, cultivation, and production. He was a recurrent judge for international wine tasting competitions and governed as chairman of the Japan Wine Challenge and the Decanter World Wine Awards. After a life devoted to all aspects of wine, Steven passed away in March 2021, living on through his wife Bella, and his two children, Christian and Kate.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Steven Spurrier has made a lasting impact on Napa Valley's renowned viticulture through his lifelong devotion to wine and community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the importance of robust funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program in the bipartisan infrastructure bill. The purpose of this program is to prepare the buildings that low-income Americans live in for the requirements of the 21st century.

The current limitations to the formula that provide funding for this program, however, will not cover the costs of ensuring that homes are cool enough in the hot weather, warm enough in the cold weather, or dry enough in any season. The formula for calculating the value of investments in homes must reflect the expected impact on the safety of participants and their homes under anticipated weather conditions, and the impact on their health and of adapting their energy system to meet future requirements. The current program cost limits mean that switching a home to a cleaner fuel mix is rarely possible. The same limits impede the integration of apprentice workers and other trainees into the program.

Therefore, the Secretary must ensure that the regulations for this Program achieve the statutory goals of permitting a combination of deep retrofit measures sufficient to keep participants safe from extreme weather conditions, minimize the greenhouse gas emissions from their homes, and ensure health conditions in weatherized homes.

The Secretary should establish the appropriate costs for an average package of retrofits that delivers retrofits of sufficient scale to produce safe, healthy, and efficient homes with the cleanest possible fuel mix, and to adjust applicable regulations to support this mission, particularly by ensuring the costs attributed to a home are no more than the costs of services provided directly to that home.